

40. (New) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein said step (d) is performed at a check time and includes the step of:

(1) determining whether said check time falls within a time period, wherein said time period begins at said status time and extends for said validation interval.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said request calls for exporting said certificate, and said method further includes the step of:

(e) exporting said certificate, if said check time falls within said time period.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-41 are in order for allowance. In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, consideration of claims 1-41 is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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